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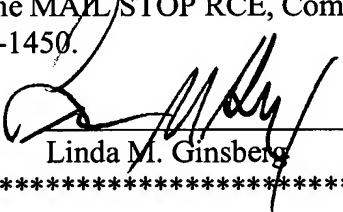
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Application No.: 10/008,924 Group No.: 1651
Filed: November 16, 2001 Examiner: NAFF, David M.
For: MATRIX FOR THE PRODUCTION OF TISSUE ENGINEERED
LIGAMENTS, TENDONS AND OTHER TISSUE

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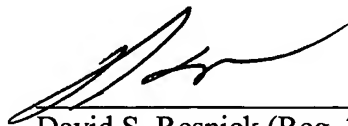
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